

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 827
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Michele Blanchard for
outstanding work as an intern.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there emerge a few,
select individuals who truly distinguish themselves through public service far above and beyond
the basic requirements; and

WHEREAS, Michele Blanchard has distinguished herself as one such individual through
her indefatigable work as a legislative intern for Representative Brenda Turner and the Children
and Family Affairs Committee; her Herculean endeavors have resulted in untold benefits for
committee members, for the General Assembly as a whole and for all the people of Tennessee;
and

WHEREAS, during the 1998 legislative session, Michele consistently exceeded the
highest standards of excellence for dedication, competency and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Michele quickly became known throughout the Legislative Plaza as the
indispensable right hand of the Children and Family Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, there is unanimous agreement on, and all around, Capitol Hill that Michele
richly deserves her reputation for dependability, resourcefulness, creativity and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, a Pearl River, Louisiana native and 1994 graduate of Pearl River High
School, Michele is the daughter of Robert and Rebecca Blanchard of Pearl River and Diane M.
Blanchard of Apple Valley, Minnesota; she is also the oldest of five girls; and

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WHEREAS, she is a great source of pride for her grandparents, Ms. Amanda Blanchard, and Jim and Bernice Roehl; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at Middle Tennessee State University, Michele Blanchard has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities as is clearly reflected by her admission to the law schools of Loyola University, Tulane University, and Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an intern and student, Michele also finds time to manage a movie theatre, often providing popcorn for staff members in the committee office; and

WHEREAS, never one to lack initiative and compassion, as a direct result of the Children and Family Affairs Committee's tour of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson Juvenile Justice Center, Michele became a volunteer counselor for at-risk teens; and

WHEREAS, throughout the legislative arena, there is much joy over the new opportunities and bright future that await Michele; nonetheless there is much sadness over the pending departure of her sunny disposition and "can do" attitude; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Ms. Michele Blanchard for her outstanding service as a legislative intern, extending to her our heartfelt wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body does hereby salute Michele Blanchard as an outstanding young citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Michele with this final clause omitted from such copy.